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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), the undersigned attorney, on behalf of the Applicant, hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time from November 18, 2001 to December 18, 2001 in which to file a response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Patent Application" that was mailed on September 18, 2001 in connection with

the above-identified patent application and which carried an original response date of November 18, 2001. The response, including a "Submission of Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Patent Application" and its accompanying "Declaration and Power of Attorney" document, is being filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed please find Check No. 277829 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the fee, prescribed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), for a one (1) month extension of time. Applicant believes that no other fee is due in connection with this Petition for One Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). However, if any additional or other fees are deemed to be due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

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